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Constitutional Law and Minorities Report No.36

Professor Claire Palley

The report classifies the policies of assimilation, domination, and pluralism which represent majority attitudes toward minorities enacted through law. Through a broad and insightful survey it promotes evaluation and comparison of the relative treatment of minorities under different legal policies and points to the empirical ground for what are, finally, political decisions. Professor Palley has been a lecturer at Cape Town University and University College Rhodesia and professor of Public Law at Queen's College, Belfast. She is presently professor of Law and Master of Darwin College at the University of Kent, Canterbury.

22pp A4 75p
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Publisher: Minority Rights Group

The Cultural Crisis in Modern Medicine

Edited by John Ehrenreich

Earlier radical critiques of America's health care system have focused attention on the poor distribution, high cost, and often low quality of health services. The essays in this volume extend the critique to include the nature of modern medicine itself. They argue that the health care systems characteristic of advanced capitalistic societies are agencies of domination as well as instruments of healing; that they help to perpetuate racism, sexism, and the entire fabric of capitalist class relations.

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**Accumulation on a World Scale:
A Critique of the Theory of Under-
development**
Samir Amin

The first paperback edition of this

book, largely a polemic against the popular theory which sees the 'cause' of underdevelopment in the structural characteristics of the backward countries themselves, interpreting them as nothing more than an earlier stage of the 'modernised societies'. Opposing this theory the author starts with the international division of labour, analyses the inequality characteristic of international specialisation, and the consequences of this for centre and periphery in terms of the international flow of capital.

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The Geopolitics of Hunger

Josué de Castro

A classic on food and population by a former chairman of the Food and Agriculture Organisation, this edition was completely revised by Dr de Castro shortly before his death in '73. There are new sections on Brazil, Cuba, China and technology in agriculture and food processing.

De Castro does not believe that hunger is "the natural result of overpopulation" but is rather the result of social forces. "When diets are inadequate, nature multiplies the number of offspring . . . Hunger is responsible for overpopulation."

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1918-1976**

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US Capitalism in Crisis

Union for Radical Political Economics

This new URPE Crisis Reader contains 35 essays. All but seven have never before been published. The language is non-technical and accessible to people without formal training.

Authors represented in the volume include André Gunder Frank, Roger A. Alcala, David M. Gordon, Arthur MacEwan, the URPE Women's Work Project, the editors of *Monthly Review*, Alexander Cockburn and James Ridgeway, Eli Zaretsky, Anwar Shaikh, Thomas E. Weisskopf, Samuel Bowles, William K. Tabb, Richard Child Hill, the Institute for Labor Education and Research, Janice Perlman and Alan Wolfe.

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Science in a Free Society

Paul Feyerabend

Paul Feyerabend's previous book, *Against Method*, stimulated wide controversy in the philosophy of science. In this new work, Feyerabend reviews that controversy and extends his critique to the social function and direction of science today. Attacking the prestige of science in the West, he argues that the lofty authority of the 'expert' claimed by scientists is incompatible with any genuine democracy, and calls for far greater diversity in education to facilitate democratic decisions on scientific issues.

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Women at W.A.R.

Women Against Rape, London and Bristol

For the first time in print, women in Britain tell of the rape they have experienced — and what they are doing to stop it. Jenny Smith on rape and battering in marriage, and how she fought to get out. Norma Steele on being a Black immigrant woman and the rape and violence this entails. Karen Crocker who worked as a stripper and was raped on her way home from work. Jan Wills on the violence lesbian women face. Ruth Hall, national spokeswoman for Women Against Rape, on the massive movement to end rape and the impact of W.A.R.'s activities, including the Women's Court in Trafalgar Square, London.

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The Law and Sexuality. How to Cope with the Law If You Are Not 100% Conventionally Heterosexual A Guide to the Law for Lesbians, Gay Men, Transvestites and Transsexuals

Steve Cohen, Stephanie Green, Lesley Merryfinch, Gay Jones, Janet Slade, Maggie Walker

This handbook describes the law as it affects gay people, gives advice on how to cope with the law and aids our understanding of the law by showing how the oppression of all gay people is a part of the oppression of all women.

The authors have based their book on their experiences in a gay rights group connected to Manchester Law

Hmm..... 'Gay'.....
... indicating mirth,
light-hearted,
sportive.... airy,
off-hand.... cheeky,
impertinent.....
dissolute... immoral.
showy.... brilliant..



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The Politics of Matriarchy Matriarchy Study Group

We explore women's values in pre-history and translate them into the present. Matriarchal values mean non-patriarchal, non-hierarchical living, hearth-centred, exploring seasonal festivals, lunar and menstrual rhythms.

Pamphlet Autumn '78 45p
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The Struggle in the Labour Movement Labour Abortion Rights Campaign



"As socialists we are for the extension of choice in all areas of life and for the rights of individuals to control their lives. This pamphlet is an introduction to the history of working class women and their fight to control their reproductive lives. This history shows that contraception and abortion have only become a political issue when information and facilities were demanded for the mass of the people — the rich and privileged being considered to have a 'natural right' to make their own decisions about these things."

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Is It Worthwhile Working in a Mixed Group

Pauline Long and Mary Coghill

Revised version with new material from women working in mixed collectives. The first paper, 'Is it worthwhile working in a mixed group' gives a historical resumé to indicate the historical background for a society without patriarchy. It goes on to show how our understanding of these ideas is reflected in practice in a mixed group.

The second paper, 'Towards the gynandrous woman', is an account of patriarchy and how we can try to go beyond it. It shows how ideas must not only be defined but must also be given personal relevance, both for the originator and the follower if they are to have meaning.

A5 Autumn '78 40p
Publisher: Beyond Patriarchy Publications
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Papers on Patriarchy

Paper from the 1976 women's conference on patriarchy. They are: Why Theory?; Psychoanalysis and patriarchal structures; Language and gender; Cross-cultural subordination of women; Patriarchy in China; Women and the labour process; Sexuality; and Was the patriarchy conference patriarchal?

84pp A5 95p approx
Publisher: Womens Publishing Collective/PDC '78 (reprint)

Open and Positive

John Warburton, Peter Bradley, Paul Patrick & Peter Vetter

Open and Positive is about being an openly gay teacher in modern Britain. It centres around the story of John Warburton, whom the Inner London Education Authority refused to continue in employment after he had come out as gay to his pupils in 1974. However, it is not only a narrative of his — so far — unsuccessful fight for reinstatement, but also a detailed examination of why gay teachers, and all gay people, should come out as gay at work. John's narrative/analysis is accompanied by contributions from three other openly gay teachers speaking of their experiences. *Open and Positive* is also an indictment of his employers, the ILEA, and his trade union, the NUT, for their anti-gay prejudice which has

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resulted in John being denied employment as a teacher for four years.

The booklet is unique in that, so far as we know, it is the first fully documented account to be published of a clear case of anti-gay discrimination in the field of employment. The whole is of major interest to the gay community and all interested in the struggle for gay rights in the work-place.

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ISBN 0 9506 179 0 3

Publisher: Gay Teachers' Group

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**Masculinity and Femininity
The Psychological Dimensions,
Correlates, and Antecedents**
Janet T. Spence and
Robert L. Helmreich

This volume is a landmark in the field of the psychology of masculinity and femininity. This extensive and systematic body of research refutes the traditional notion that men and women are psychological opposites — or that there is a single psychological dimension with masculinity (and most men) at one extreme and femininity (and most women) at the other. Spence and Helmreich show, rather, that



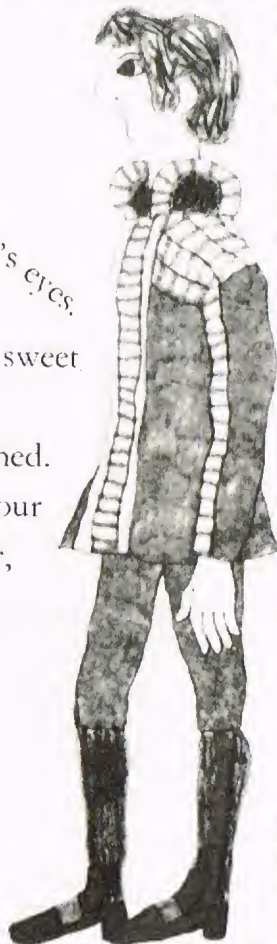
Palette looked earnestly into Rosy's eyes.

"Do you love me, Rosy, my sweet one?" he asked.

"Why yes, Palette," she sighed.

"Well, then I shall go to your father, the Chief Minister, and ask for your hand in marriage, come what may."

From *The Painted Kitten* by Istvan Kornos, illustrated by Eva Gael, published in Hungary by Corvina Press. Distributed in the UK by Central Books.



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traits traditionally considered feminine (interpersonal skills and concern with others) characterise women only slightly more than men and those considered masculine (instrumental skills such as independence and assertiveness) characterise men only slightly more than women.

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Publisher: University of Texas Press
Distributor: American University Publishers Group

The Making of an Anarchist
Voltairine De Cleyre

Black Bear's fourth pamphlet, their first on anarcho-feminist history, contains two essays, one by Marian Leighton written in 1974 placing Voltairine De Cleyre in the context of nineteenth-century anarchism and giving a brief biography. The second essay is by De Cleyre herself and serves as a brief introduction to her life and her anarchism.

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**Undercurrents
Special Issue: Women and Energy**

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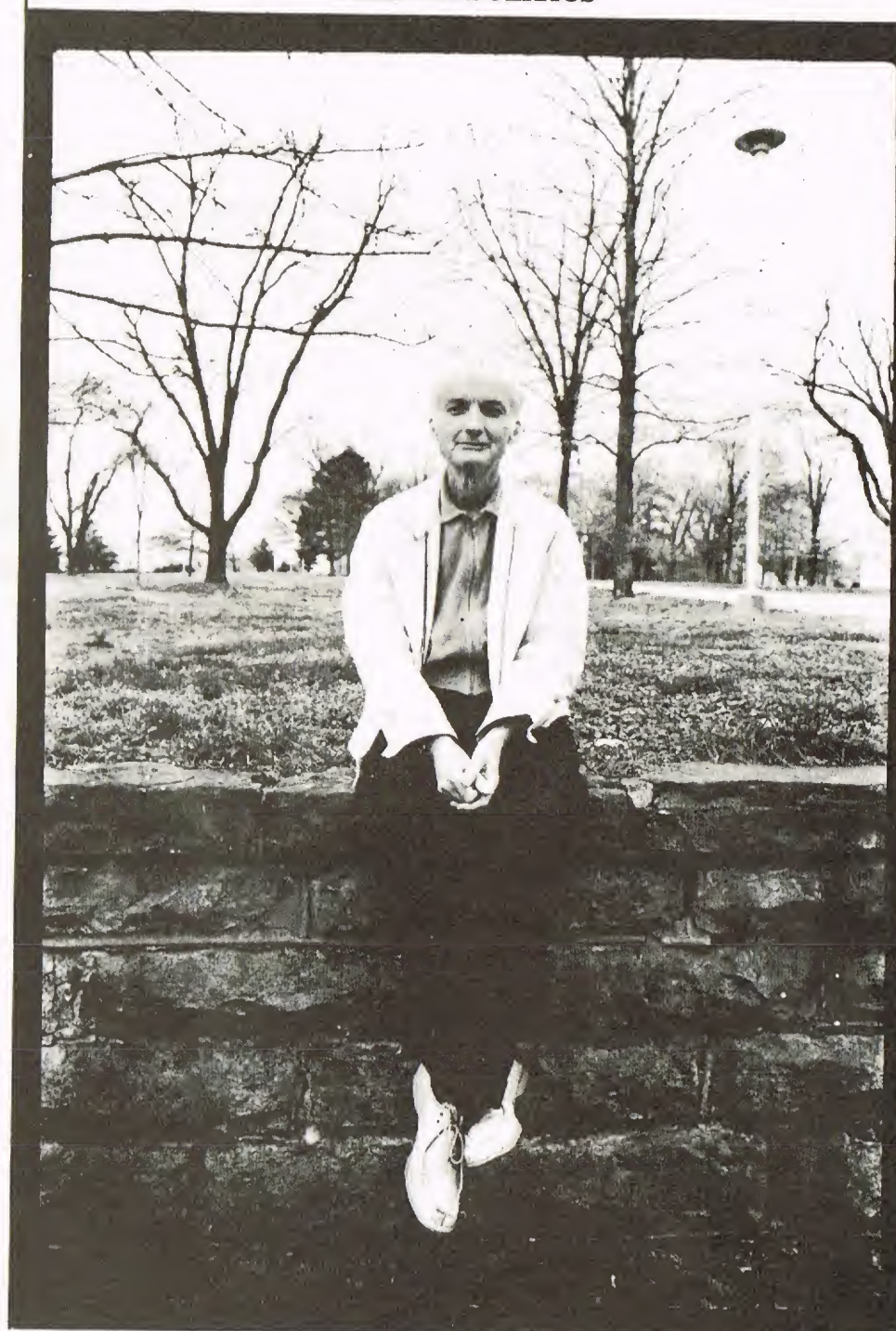
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Women and Education

Eileen Byrne

For the last thirty years there has been a general acceptance of the idea that equality in education came with the post war reconstruction of state education. Yet today the education service is as male-oriented and as male-dominated as in the Victorian era which laid its foundations.

Eileen Byrne's introduction to the theme of the education of girls and women, and of the women in education, examines many modern educational policies and exposes the continuing basic problems of the severe under-achievement of girls and women, even today, and of the missing role of women in the government of education.

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Women United, Women Divided

Cross Cultural Perspectives on Female Solidarity

Edited by Patricia Caplan and Janet M. Bujra

In a collection of nine articles written about widely differing societies in India, East and West Africa, Australia, China, the West Indies and Britain, the authors explore the way in which women exhibit solidarity with one another and the extent to which such solidarity is used by them to ameliorate or change their position *vis-à-vis* men.

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in all the societies studied.

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Studies in English Radical Thought

Gordon K. Lewis

These gracefully written essays demonstrate the influence of British imperialism, slavery and expansion on the development of radical ideology and politics in Britain itself. Beginning with the debate on empire and slavery in the eighteenth century, and concluding with the contemporary 'return of the colonial native' and the issue of race and colour in England, Lewis provides us with a convincing portrait of the impact of

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empire on succeeding generations of radical thinkers. In the process Lewis discusses the main currents of British thought during the last 150-year period. He ranges from Bulwer-Lytton's *England and the English* to the Victorian Free-thinkers, the Christian Socialists, the Fabians and Churchill as a spokesman for the 'master class'.

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Interpretations of Fascism Renzo de Felice

De Felice has gained access to many of the most important documents of the fascist era in Italy. He distinguishes between Italian fascism as a 'movement' and as a 'regime'. According to de Felice, fascism was born 'on the left' and stands in the political and

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cultural tradition of the Enlightenment and the French Revolution with their ideas of progress and faith in the 'new man'.

The author is interested in how writers have perceived fascism and his long list of interpreters includes Hannah Arendt, Wilhelm Reich, Erich Fromm, Theodor Adorno, Seymour Lipset and Zbigniew Brzezinski.

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Class Struggles in the USSR: First Period 1917-1923 Charles Bettelheim

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and the class struggles with which the Bolshevik Party and its leaders were confronted.

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With Trotsky in Exile From Prinkipo to Coyoacan

Jean Van Heijenoort

In this intriguing and revealing memoir, Jean Van Heijenoort recounts the story of the seven years he served as secretary, translator, and body-guard for Leon Trotsky. Van Heijenoort was only twenty years old when he arrived at the Turkish island of Prinkipo, where Trotsky and his

wife had been living since their expulsion from Russia. He stayed with them from 1932 until 1939, travelling from Prinkipo to France and Norway and then to the Mexican town of Coyoacan. Nine months after he left them, Trotsky was assassinated.

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From Humanism to Science, 1480 to 1700

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Alexander J. de Grand

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Nationalist influence within the Fascist regime.

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Rebels and their Causes

Edited by A.L. Morton

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Economy and Class Structure of German Fascism

Alfred Sohn-Rethel

The author, a marxist member of the German underground, infiltrated the office of the MWT, a business association representing the heavy industries which had most to gain from Nazi success. As an editorial assistant on the *Führerbriefe*, a newsletter commenting on current affairs which was circulated exclusively among the upper echelons of German capitalism, Sohn-Rethel had a bird's eye view of the events he describes. The book's wealth of anecdotal material enriches our historical understanding, but its real value lies in its

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Capital and Labour: Partners?

Two Classes—Two views

Victor Levant

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"Where are we going, Mama?" "Never you mind where we are going"

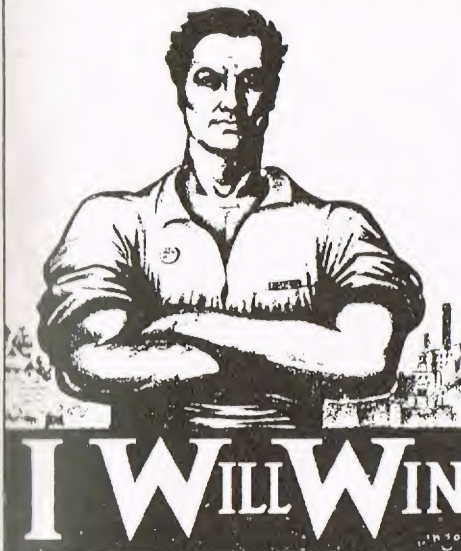
The Living Spirit of the Wobblies
Len De Caux

Long before he worked with John L. Lewis as CIO editor and press chief in 1935, Len De Caux rode the rails as a working Wobbly. This book re-

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dozens of other famous 'red-carders' come to life as we travel with them into mines and lumber camps, textile sweatshops and harvest-ripe fields as they battle to organize 'the working stiffs'.

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The Slow Burning Fuse: The Lost History of the British Anarchists

John Quail

The British anarchist movement, while borrowing from European ideas, was self-actuated and independent, with a vibrant history all its own. John Quail, in this first major history, shows how it was largely the fact of the obvious triumph of the Bolsheviks in Russia in 1919 which allowed the Socialist/communist stream to win the fight for the support of radicals from the anarchist/libertarian tradition. As a result, whole vital areas of working-class history have been rewritten

and submerged.

The story of the anarchists is one of utopias created in imagination and half realised in practice; of individual fights and movements for freedom and self-determination. It is a story which is still being written today.

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the frankfurt school

The *Frankfurt School*, first established in Weimar Germany as the Institute for Social Research, spent the war years in New York and California, dispersing in the late 40's. Certain key members were invited by the West German government to return after the war, and the School was thereby reconstituted at the University of Frankfurt during the early '50s.

Max Horkheimer, who became director of the Institute in 1930, was primarily responsible for assembling a multi-faceted group of academics, most of whom were relatively unknown at the time outside Germany. It was he who maintained the continuity of the School during the years of exile.

The first generation of the School included, notably, Theodor Adorno, a philosopher with a peculiar musical sensibility; Herbert Marcuse, who emerged from the Heideggerian tradition to develop his own brand of 'phenomenological' Marxism; Friedrich Pollock, a political economist; Ernst Bloch, whose philosophical works cover a wide spectrum; Franz Neumann, a legal scholar; and Walter Benjamin, literary critic. The second generation is dominated by Jurgen Habermas, whose main interest lies in the methodology of the social sciences. Claus Offe, another economist, and Alfred Lorenzer, a psychological theorist are two other key members of the School of the post-war years.

Horkheimer, Adorno and Marcuse rejected the Marxian model of the philosophy of history and also Hegelian logic. Realising that technology had become the prop rather than the destructive agent of Capitalism they focussed on the disparity of the concepts of reason, seeking to replace the critique of political economy by that of instrumental reason. Marcuse made a revision of the Freudian theory of deferred gratification, introducing the notion of 'surplus repression', positing that instrumental reason is potentially self-undermining. Benjamin and Adorno saw the aesthetic imagination as a liberating faculty, simultaneously regarding art as a true source of critical insight while realising the possibility of its adulteration through ideology. There is difficulty inherent in the language of the texts of both Adorno and Benjamin — they seem extremely averse to any kind of 'system' in their different ways: Adorno finds expression in the aphorism, epigrammatic essay and other short forms, whilst Benjamin's literary form is labyrinthine.

The confrontation between critical rationalism and critical theory ranges over many areas — not merely positivism, but also over ideas of objectivity and value freedom, the nature of theory formation and the 'role' of the social sciences. Taking the Popper/Adorno confrontation as an example — for Popper contradiction is logical, arising from existing knowledge and existent fact; for Adorno it is not an epistemological problem, but a condition of the social world. Critical theory is not to be understood as another sociological theory on the same level as functionalism, symbolic interactionism, ethnomethodology etc, but as a theoretical mediation

interested in the present as part of the historical process inextricably constituted by both the past which provides the structure for the present, and a future which determines its dynamic. 'Interest', for Habermas, cannot be experienced as such; it is an interest in which no-one may be interested in any empirically demonstrable fashion. He claims that the basis of critical theory is inherent in the structure of social activity which it seeks to analyse. Social facts are frozen segments of a living process which includes the future as well as the past and the present. In Horkheimer's terms there is no formula which fixes once and for all the relation between individuals, society and nature.

Critical Theory is peculiar to a particular cultural tradition — stemming from Kant, through Hegelian Marxism and hermeneutics. Its appeal to the 'New Left' of today is based firstly on its methodology — critique as reflection on the conditions of knowledge of the social world, and secondly on its political viewpoint — critique as an analysis of the constraints imposed by the historically variable structures of the social world. However, the Frankfurt School as such, unable to realise its original project of mediating the destruction of domination has now collapsed into its academic appearance. Habermas's whole effort may be seen as an attempt to achieve academic respectability for a critical theory which has lost its critical character with the rejection of the analysis concerning science and technology as new modes of domination.

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Dissidents trials?

Dissidents on trial refused lawyers of their choice, allowed only court-appointed lawyers; school pupils recruited by Interior Ministry to spy on classmates; actors and booksellers arrested and charged with slandering the State; border searches for politically suspect books; secret police records on job applicants systematically supplied to private employers; suspected terrorists held in total isolation for 30 days, renewable (if authorities believe this may avoid danger to someone's life, safety and freedom); questionable books removed from library shelves; lawyers put on trial for supporting their political defendant clients; dawn raids on political bookshops, pamphlets seized; outspoken authors subjected to press campaigns as enemies of the constitution; historical documentation seized, as 'furthering readiness to accept use of violence'; 4000 people denied jobs or sacked from public service because of their political opinions.

The Soviet Union? South Africa? Paraguay? Northern Ireland, even? It could be any of these, or many other countries that will be brought to mind, but in fact all these things have taken place recently in that bastion of Western democracy and freedom, the Federal Republic of Germany.

Books, pamphlets and papers, and their authors, publishers and sellers, have been particularly hard hit in the wide-ranging assaults on freedom in the Federal Republic over the past three years.

In November 1975, the Munich publishing house, Trikont-Verlag, together with the homes of some of its workers and its printer's premises, were raided by police in search of Bommi Baumann's book, *How It All Began*. As well as this book and address lists, business files, etc, the police seized the Socialist Patients' Collective book, *Make Illness into a Weapon*. Two days later, bookshops throughout the country were raided for the Baumann book, on the grounds of its 'glorification of violence', contrary to para 140 of the Penal Code. An international solidarity campaign was launched, and the book was later re-published under the joint imprint of some 350 publishers and individuals. In the trial in October 1976, the publishers were acquitted, the judgement stating that the book was a pacifist milestone which 'could challenge the thinking of comrades who are still radicals'.

In 1977, two students, hired by a private company to drive a vanload of books from Berlin, were stopped at the Helmstedt border into West Germany, arrested and charged, in relation to the books, with offences against paras 88a, 125a and 126 of the Penal Code — anti-constitutional incitement to violence and to armed breach of the peace, among other things. The drivers were released a few hours later, but a judge issued a seizure order for the books, finding them of 'a largely left-extremist content'. The seized books included Bettelheim's *Class Struggles in the USSR*, Franz Mehring's historical classic, *German History of the 18th & 19th Centuries*, a biography of film-maker Joris Ivens, and a book by the



George Grosz 'A writer is he?' c. 1935

President of Tanzania, Julius Nyerere. The books were eventually released a week later, when the judge was forced to recognise that there was, as yet, no law banning 'largely left-extremist' literature, and that, in principle, Article 5 of the Constitution was still valid, with its unequivocal words, 'There is no censorship'.

But para 88a, introduced in May 1976, goes a long way towards denying the strict provision of Article 5. It threatens with imprisonment anyone guilty of 'anti-constitutional support for criminal actions'; not only the author of writings glorifying violence, but anyone who 'disseminates, publicly exhibits, displays, performs, or otherwise makes accessible or produces, procures, supplies, stocks, offers, advertises, praises . . .' — so this includes publisher, printer, wholesaler, dealer, seller, buyer, or a laudatory reviewer. And transport companies whose drivers have neither the time nor the expert knowledge to read their load and judge it by these criteria are likely to shy off accepting loads from 'left' publishers.

Librarians, too, are affected — or fear they may be, with the same result. The directors of the America Memorial Library in Berlin, one of the largest publicly accessible libraries in the world, examined the new criminal laws for possible consequences for their lending practice. Ostensibly for the protection of employees, who would be held responsible in law, they issued secret instructions. Mindful of the liberal tradition of the house 'our duty will be, first and foremost, to operate censorship as generously as possible, in the spirit of guaranteed freedom of opinion and information'. In this spirit, the following books are to be removed from the open shelves and put into store: 'commercially available, but either completely unannotated or inadequately annotated writings from Eastern and Western publishers with national socialist, socialist and communist ideas' (*sic*).

Printers, too, are vulnerable. In October 1977, four Berlin printers were arrested and charged with supporting a terrorist conspiracy. The charge was directed against the unknown author, publisher and distributor of the periodical *Info-BUG*. BUG stands for Berliner undogmatische Gruppen. The paper is a feature of the anarchist scene, advertising happenings and printing any kind of propaganda that comes its way. In theory it has no editors, it just happens. The four printers are members of Agit-Kollektiv, a loose printing organisation which serves all kinds of causes, among them *Info-BUG*. They are charged on the grounds that they identify with the content of what they print. Yet the diversity of the groups for whom they work makes such a claim ludicrous: electricians union, postal workers union, humanist union, tenants groups, neighbourhood councils, youth clubs, various Evangelical Church groups, bars, college groups, women's centre, citizens action groups, and many others. Since their arrest last October, three of the printers have been kept in custody and treated as maximum security risks, and the trial has only recently started.

Ever since 1975, there have been repeated series of early dawn raids on left bookshops (and the homes of their workers), leading to endless arrests, most followed by release without charge (although one bookseller was jailed for two years in 1977 on account of two books found in his stock). In September 1976, the VLB (Left Book Trade Association) put together and published an extensive documentation of these police actions, under the title *88a in Action — or how to burn books without getting your fingers dirty*. In March and April 1977 there were further raids by massive numbers of police: invoking para 88a, they seized the documentation on para 88a, and brought prosecutions against some 40 publishers and booksellers for publishing and distributing the pamphlet. The co-owner of one bookshop has been told, in a summons from the Chief of Police, that he is

'suspected . . . of supporting the criminal conspiracy VLB (Left Book Trade Association)'. Until then, the VLB's only criminal association had been the police raids against some of its members.

Books by the Nobel prize-winner Heinrich Boll have not yet been seized, although, with other intellectuals, he has been called, in parliament and the press, a 'spiritual accomplice of the anarchists': he is accused of justifying violence in his book, *The Lost Honour of Katharina Blum*. Other books have not escaped so lightly. In August 1976, police in Landshut, acting on an anonymous tip-off, made an armed raid on a bookshop to seize *Haymarket 1886: the German Anarchists of Chicago*, a paperback from Wagenbach-Verlag in Berlin (denounced in parliament as a producer of subversion, revolution and terror texts for whom the freedom of expression guaranteed in Article 5 of the Constitution could not apply). This historical documentation quoted a reader's letter from the American anarchist newspaper *Alarm* from the year 1885 which, in the editor's words, 'had described the picture of the bomb-throwing anarchists as a famous-infamous hymn to dynamite'. This quotation is in practically every standard work on anarchism, but a judge found it illegal. The book was later released by the provincial court, but mainly on the grounds of procedural irregularities: the court specifically endorsed the judge's view of its contents as 'furthering the readiness of many readers of a similar outlook to assent to appropriate use of violence . . .'

Even without judicial decisions, the State's actions have their effect. While small publishers are prosecuted, large publishers, out of fear, are already operating self-censorship. Luchterhand-Verlag, for example, deleted a passage of dialogue from their translation of Régis Debray's novel, *The Individualist*, in which he had ironically described the production of an explosive.

These measures affecting the printed word have to be seen in the wider context of which they are only a part. The administration of the Federal Republic was fatally flawed from the start, when the popular wish to remove all remnants of Nazi power after 1945 clashed with the Western Allies' requirement of a strong anti-communist bulwark against the Soviet threat. In 1950, the so-called 'Adenauer Decree' listed a number of 'un-constitutional' organisations, and recommended the screening and sacking of public employees who were alleged members or sympathisers of any such organisation: this measure was used mainly against communists, thousands of whom lost their jobs even before the KPD (Community Party) was formally banned in 1956. In 1972, the practice was greatly widened, with the 'Radicals Decree' which legalised political screening of applicants to the public service. (In Germany the public service embraces an extremely wide range of jobs, including, for example, teachers, railway workers, post office workers, and doctors.) Between 1972 and 1976, some 800,000 people were investigated by the secret police, and 4000 lost or were denied jobs as a result of 'hearings' in which their political views and activities were measured against the yardstick of 'support for the liberal-democratic basic order'. People are subject to this Berufsverbot, or professional disbarment, for the flimsiest of 'reasons', apart from the obvious one of belonging to, or being said to be associated with, the (now legal) communist party. Among reasons given have been signing petitions against Berufsverbot; having a husband who is a communist; flyposting posters against the abortion law; travelling to the German Democratic Republic; having one's car seen parked near where left-wing groups hold meetings; openly criticising school administration. The Russell Tribunal examined these loyalty hearings in depth earlier this

year, and pointed out their effect, not only those directly involved, but on others who may shy away from any form of protest or political activity for fear of getting a fatal black mark on the enormous secret police computer files.

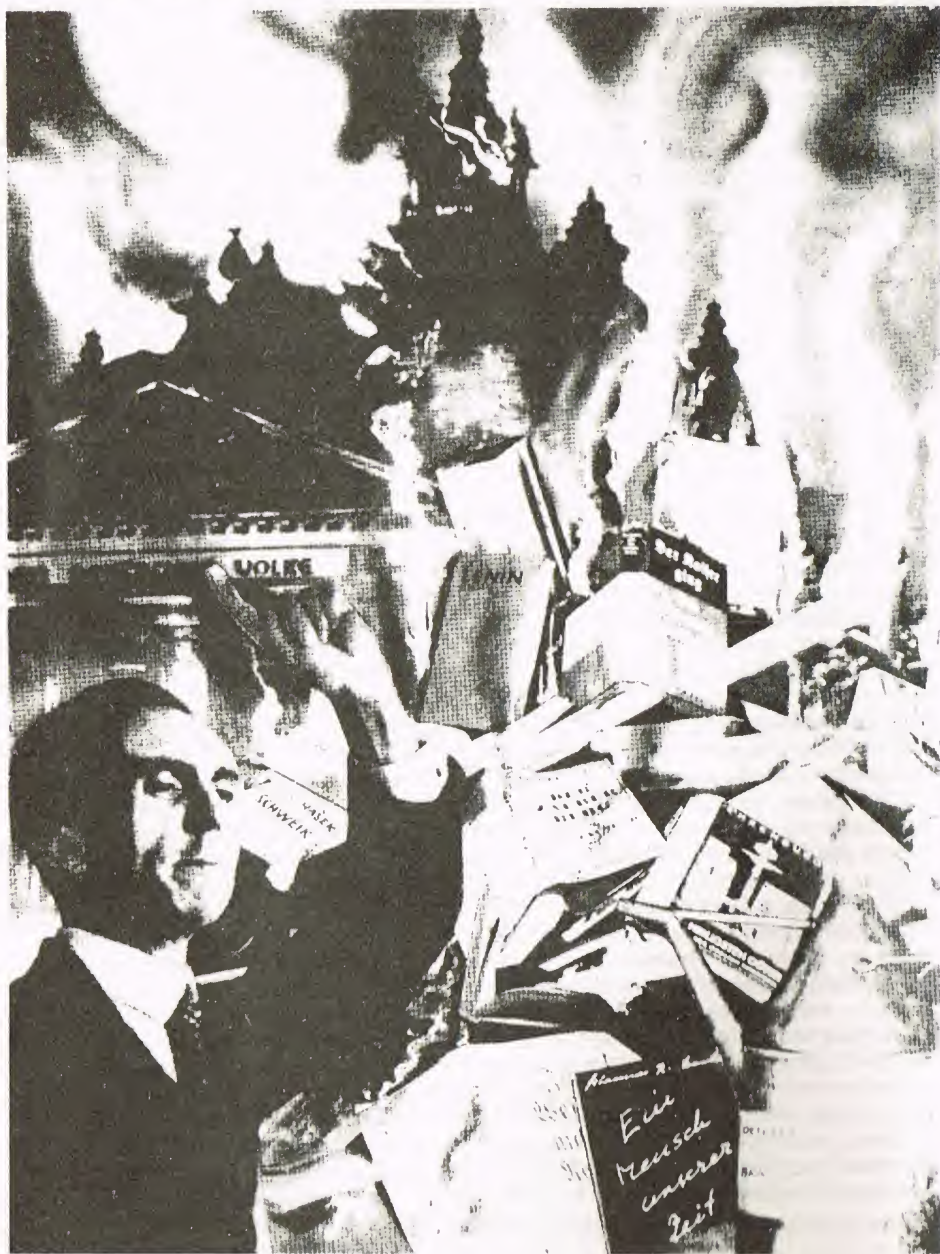
Given their historical background, it is not surprising that Berufsverbot, para 88a, and the still rapidly-increasing powers of surveillance used by the police are being directed against the left rather than the right. The very authorities who introduced and carry out these measures inevitably tend to come from the more authoritarian, conformist German tradition, and all too many who came to power after 1945 retained their Nazi sympathies. Little or no action is taken by these authorities to stop, for example, the open sale of swastika badges — outlawed by the Constitution — the wearing of blackshirt uniforms, or the dissemination of anti-semitic publications. And in one of the extremely rare cases of a Berufsverbot 'hearing' involving a member of the extreme right-wing NPD (National Party), the Mannheim court stated that 'there was nothing in the structure, programme or declarations of the NPD which is hostile to the Constitution'. Little wonder that the NPD member was confirmed in his job, when a judge in another case, in the Administrative Court of Ansbach, Bavaria, in July 1977, laid down that 'anyone who wishes to be fully established in the public service must be a convinced anti-communist': the applicant, a member of the German Peace Union, could not be regarded as hostile to the Constitution, but lost on the ground that he was clearly not sufficiently alive to the dangers of communism, since he had worked with communists in the peace movement.

While the historical roots of the State's authoritarianism are clearly visible, its development is not taking place in a vacuum. 'Everyone with common sense,' to quote the words of Horst Mahler, an imprisoned founder of the Red Army Faction, 'knows that the most recent terrorist attacks are accelerating a development in the Federal Republic of Germany which is leading from the elimination of the remnants of civil liberties to the machinery of state degenerating into a fascist power apparatus. This is also known to the members of the armed groups who practice this terror: so they want a fascist state.' The calculation that a sharpening of oppression to the point of fascist terror will finally stir the people up against the State is clearly mistaken, at least in Germany today. Terrorist actions, together with the law-and-order policy of the social-liberal coalition, have served to make the overwhelmingly majority of the working population identify even more strongly with the State and its organs of power — given the absence of any social force capable and prepared to bring about a liberating revolution. Given this context, the struggle to retain — and regain — dwindling civil liberties, as a minimal basis for developing new forms of free society, is of major importance in the Federal Republic today. Outsiders can play a part in this, by maintaining pressure at every possible point against further restrictions on liberty. Nor is this mere formal internationalism. While the historical backgrounds are very different, and the circumstances in some ways not so extreme, there are important parallels between the German situation and that of Britain, and Ireland, and valuable lessons to be learned.

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DURCH LICHT ZUR NACHT



Also sprach Dr. Goebbels: Laßt uns aufs neue Brande entfachen,
auf daß die Verblendeten nicht erwachen!

John Heartfield 'Through Light to Night' (19 May 1933)

we won't be terrorised out of existence

Five years ago, on March 15th, 1973, in Brixton, London, a black bookshop, named Unity Bookshop, was firebombed endangering the lives of persons who lived above it.

Four years later, on August 10th, 1977, another black bookshop, which happened to bear the same name, Unity Books, on the Harrow Road, Harlesden, London, was firebombed and destroyed.

Since the beginning of 1977 a definite pattern has emerged in the systematic attacks against black community and white left bookshops.

Bogle L'Ouverture, London

February 1977

Racist signs — Nigger Out, KKK, Enoch, White Power — were smeared on windows and door; literature of National Party and local telephone number left behind; doors, windows and fascia board smeared with paint.

Atlas Books, London

February 1977

Brick thrown through window.

Bookmarks, London

March/June 1977

KKK and NF stickers pasted; obscene fascist telephone calls; locks gummed up with gumming material

Centreprise, London

June 1977

Shopfront covered in racist slogans; doors damaged.

August 1977

Fire started by pouring inflammable liquid through letterbox; entrance, shelves and books damaged.

Unity Books, London

August 1977

Gutted by firebomb; luckily no loss of life.

Cradlewell Books, Newcastle

March to October 1977

Windows smashed six times; inflammable material pushed through letter box (see *Searchlight* No 30).

Fourth Idea, Bradford

August 1977

Windows smashed; received threatening phone call from member of British National Party who said: 'We'll burn you to the ground you Jewish bastard, Heil Hitler.' (see *Searchlight* No 30 and *Race Today* September/October 1977).

Mushroom Books, Nottingham

August 1977

Plate glass window smashed by brick; a few days later NF literature pushed through door.

New Beacon Books, London

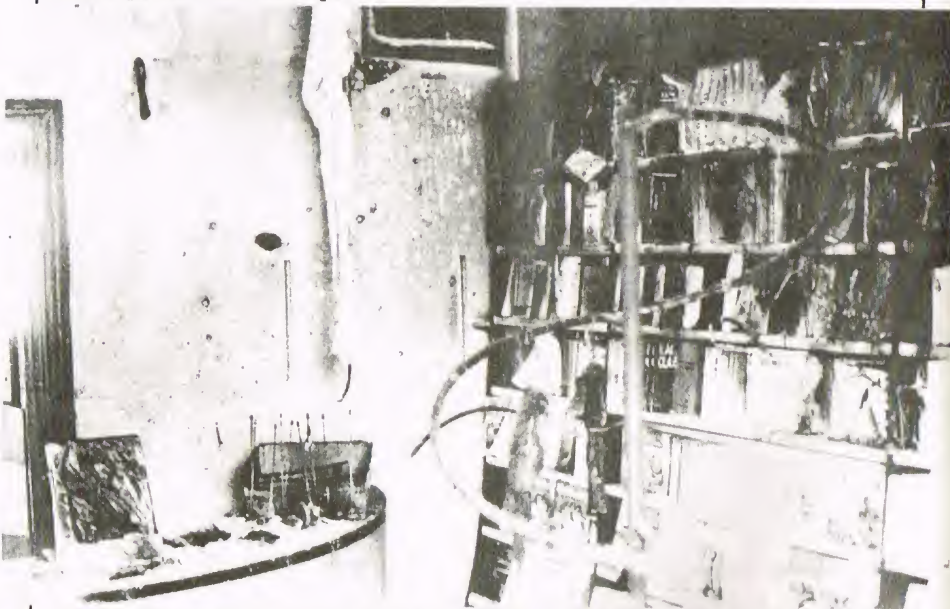
April 1978

Windows broken. NF signs spray painted on windows.

Other Bookshop, London

April 1978

Brick wrapped in flaming rag thrown into basement. Luckily someone was on the premises able to put out the fire.



This list of attacks on the bookshops, though formidable, is incomplete and we are still collecting information.

Not only have bookshops been attacked but private homes, business places owned or operated by black people and people from other minorities, meeting premises, cars, persons have been assaulted physically and worse. The killing of Southall student Gurdip Singh Chaggar in 1976 is a reminder.

On December 14th, 1977, the Moonshot Club, which caters for black teenagers in Lewisham, was burned down. Even though the police claimed there was no arson, this report from the *South London Press* December 16th, 1977 speaks for itself:

'But Asquith Gibbes, Lewisham Senior Community Relations Officer, maintains that it is impossible to exclude a political act of arson at this

time. 'We expressed our concern to the police about the safety of the Moonshot premises only a few weeks ago, following very disturbing reported comments from the National Front.' Mr Gibbes was referring to a report of an NF meeting in the Ravensbourne, Catford, where a woman supporter had asked Martin Webster 'Why can't some of the NF bother-boys blow up the Moonshot Club?' Mr Webster had replied that the Front did not have any bother-boys. Mr Gibbes said a year ago an incendiary device was thrown at the door of the club. 'If there was any criminal intent in the latest fire then it would be difficult not to infer a racist intent.'

With the growth of the racist and fascist organisations — the National Front, the KKK, etc — there has been an escalation of fascist terror.

What is astounding is the inaction of the police and their failure, together with the other security forces of the state (CID, Special Branch, MI5, MI6, SIS, SAS, etc) in arresting these fascist terrorists.

As far as the bookshops are concerned, the Metropolitan Police have, on almost every occasion, been aggressive while conducting their inquiries. When these attacks have been reported to the police, the questions they ask are: 'Have you any enemies?' 'Do you short-change?' 'Have you published anything?' One senior police officer even suggested that unless the terrorists were caught in the act or in the proximity of the act, it would be difficult to make arrests. Another told Headstart that they would not be able to mount a 24-hour watch guard. They could only give that sort of protection to Buckingham Palace and Downing Street. The sort of protection that Headstart wanted could only be had by their organising it themselves. Of what use then are the intelligence and security services?

The unusual failure of the Police and the Home Office raises the very serious question of complicity between sections of the police and the Nazi-fascist forces in the country.

John Tyndall, chairman of the National Front, is quoted in the *Observer* of September 11th, 1977 as saying: 'Our opponents in the establishment would be quite frightened if they knew how much sympathy we have in the police, up to the rank of inspector.'

He might well have added 'and active supporters among the judiciary' in the light of Judge Neil McKinnon's remarks and summing up in the trial of former National Front leader John Read on January 6th, 1978.

At a public meeting, Read had spoken of 'niggers, wogs and coons' and, referring to the murder of Gurdip Singh Chaggar, had said, 'one down, a million to go'. His 'Lordship' said to Read: 'By all means propagate your views . . . I wish you well.' To the jury he repeated the fascist lies of 'unlimited numbers of immigrants coming into this country' taking the jobs and houses of 'ordinary English folk', and commended Read on having 'had the guts to come forward and stand up in public for the things that he believes in'.

State Research No 7 (see p.55) reports an article in the May issue of the National Front journal *Spearhead*. In it Martin Webster complains of a deterioration since December 1977 in relations between the National Front and the police. 'In the course of detailing the changing police attitude, Webster reveals a remarkable instance of past police-NF co-operation. Following an NF complaint that distribution of a leaflet by the Board of Deputies of British Jewry in February 1974 was a breach of electoral law, a Special Branch officer and a Fraud Squad officer were 'engaged in a month's long nationwide investigation.' No prosecution of the Board was made, but local leaflet distributors were taken to court. The Appeal Court later acquitted those charged as the leaflets in question did not actually state 'Don't vote NF'.

The *police*, however, appealed to the House of Lords, 'who ruled that its distribution was unlawful, except where a candidate in a constituency where it was distributed accepted responsibility'. As Webster says: 'Not many people know about the police operation which, with the investigation and all the court actions, must have cost hundreds of thousands of pounds. But it was an historic affair.'

The Home Secretary, Merlyn Rees, and the Home Office have shown total indifference to the seriousness of the terrorists' acts which we have described.

After the first attack suffered in February 1977, Bogle L'Ouverture wrote in April 1977 to the Home Secretary, requesting a meeting with him.

No reply was received. Bogle L'Ouverture wrote again. It was then learned that the original letter from them had been 'misplaced' by the Home Secretary. A copy of the original letter was sent immediately. *Again, this has been met with total silence.*

BOOKSHOP JOINT ACTION

In September 1977, Soma Books, South London, received a threatening phone call, saying that the bookshop would be burnt down. On that same day a telegram was sent to the Home Secretary which read: 'Urgently demand immediate meeting reference fascist attacks on black bookshops. Soma Books threatened with fire today.' This was signed by the seven bookshops which have now formed Bookshop Joint Action. A similar telegram was also sent to the Commissioner of Police.

The response, once again, has been total silence.

Later that month, ten (10) London bookshops again wrote to the Home Secretary, outlining the escalation of the fascist terror and the danger to life from these attacks and again requested that he meet a delegation. Only the merest card in acknowledgement has been received.

In October 1977, seven (7) of the ten (10) London bookshops, after several meetings, formed the Bookshop Joint Action to continue fighting the dangers of fascist terror to the existence of our shops and cultural centres.

On October 17th, Bookshop Joint Action held a press conference. The publicity that this caused was followed by a flurry of activity from the police. Each one of us was visited by the Crime Prevention Squad. And in each case the onus was put on us, the victims, to protect ourselves, not on the 'upholders of the law' to protect us.

Is the Home Secretary waiting for more deaths, more guttings by fire, more firebombing, before he and the police take this fascist terror seriously?

Is the Home Secretary waiting for a massacre of innocents or a pogrom?

We call on all individuals and organisations, who share a common revulsion at the growing strength of the fascist forces in this country to:

1. Raise this matter within their organisation;
2. Write to the Home Secretary expressing anger and concern about these fascist attacks made on bookshops and his total indifference. Please send copies of letters or telegrams to the Home Secretary to Bookshop Joint Action.

NO ONE CONCERNED CAN AFFORD TO BE COMPLACENT IN THIS MATTER.

NO ONE CAN AFFORD NOT TO BE INVOLVED.

Race Today, 74 Shakespeare Road, London SE24. Subscription £3. Single copies 25p.

This article is based on a press release from Bookshop Joint Action, c/o Bogle l'Ouverture, 5a Chignall Place, Ealing, London W13.



John Heartfield 'Millions Stand Behind Me' (16 Oct 1932)

Socialism in N. Germany

'Actually, Marx's communism contains utopian elements. Basically Marx overlooked the preconditions necessary for communism as well as the unavoidable intermediary steps . . . that is only to say that it is not enough any more to be a Marxist in the traditional sense.' —Rudolf Bahro,

The crisis of traditional Marxism

The Alternative

A critical analysis of Soviet society should not just be a critique of the social system. Even using analytical categories such as 'the Asiatic mode of production' which Rudi Dutschke reintroduced to the debate is not enough in itself. In his book *Historical Consciousness and the Critique of the Soviet Union* Dany Diner has already pointed out that a historical approach to political ideas is missing from the present debates. More directly one can say that the western left's critique of the Soviet Union suffers itself from the hold of traditionalism which it criticises in the system of the Soviet Union. The critique of East European societies has therefore to be seen simultaneously as a self-criticism of the history of western socialist and workers' movements.

In the West as well as in the East, the social upheavals of the '60s have documented the criticisms of traditional communism: anti-fascist struggles in Spain, May '68 in France, the 'hot autumn' in Italy, the protest movements in West Germany, the movements of the intellectuals in Poland, and the Prague spring of 1968. This historical and political experience does not seem to have been properly considered in the debate about 'socialism as it exists'. The changed historical reality has also had consequences on the theoretical level; more precisely, 1968 was not only a crisis of traditional communism, but also a crisis of traditional marxism as a theory.

This type of criticism has increased over the last ten years. The most important West European Communist parties have had to bring into the open their criticisms of the Soviet Union which had already existed internally. Otherwise their traditional internationalism would have made them into mass-sects. No way has yet been found of relating to the experiences of the protest movements, which have challenged the internal constitution of communism in East and West. In the mass workers' struggles in Poland an attempt was made to resolve the problems between leaders and masses in a practical way. (See the discussions of party leader Cierek). But it is an open secret that democratic centralism as an organisational model for the Communist parties of Spain, France and Italy is in crisis.

It is only with this background that the real consequences of Bahro's attempt at a critique of socialism as it exists becomes clear. They are not limited to the German Democratic Republic and the Soviet Union. When reading *The Alternative* one has to take into account that it has been written in a society which deals with criticism of its society with far less 'repressive tolerance' than does late capitalism. Bahro's point of departure is his critique of socialism as it exists is to take seriously in a theoretical sense this particular form of domination. The socialism that exists is under-

stood by Bahro as a social formation in its own right, that is one that is neither capitalist nor socialist. It is simply stupid to lay down the letter of the law by quoting Marx chapter and verse in view of the historical fact that the expropriation of private property and general emancipation of individuals lie a whole historical epoch apart from each other. For the purpose of everyday class struggle this theoretical insight must force emancipatory social movements to reach a separate identity in the East and in the West. The appearance of Carillo and Berlinguer in East Berlin had a specific political meaning. In his record of his imprisonment, Jurgen Fuchs the communist critic of the German Democratic Republic noted a question of his interrogator: 'Do you think that the SED [Communist Party] should learn from the Euro-Communist parties?' His answer was Yes, it is necessary to have discussion and a change from the policies pursued at present.

In the Madrid declaration of the Communist parties of Spain, France and Italy you can read how the comrades foresee the new society. They demand pluralism of political and social forces; freedom of thought and speech.

The struggle for republican freedoms

It is in the worst sense ideological and abstract when the left in the West condemns the struggle for republican freedoms as a bourgeois reaction. Once it recognises the necessity for this struggle in Eastern Europe the western left can begin a learning process about its own reality. The formula of 'the dictatorship of the proletariat' represents the concrete experience of political expropriation. The joke that 'capitalism is the domination of people by people, in socialism it is the other way round', which gave Brandt and Brezhnev a big laugh, is only half the truth. Socialism-as-it-exists is a new system of domination which doesn't bring the masses much of an advance to freedom. In the main it gives them a different dependency than that of capital — and in so far as some positive achievements of the capitalist epoch such as republican freedoms get lost in the process, this new dependency is in some senses more oppressive than the old one.

It is not enough however just to criticise the absence of rights in the East. The arguments surrounding 'The committee for the defence or workers rights' in Poland and the 'Charter '77 movement' in Czechoslovakia show that the process of fighting for republican freedoms increasingly leads to the formation of concrete social forces. Bahro's book has given us the foundation with which to understand this. Bahro's references to Marx and Lenin on the first 100 pages appear to be a treasury of quotations but in fact lay the ground for a critique of traditional marxism and a reconnection to the critical and revolutionary content of marxist theory. The massive rejection of Marxism-Leninism in Eastern Europe represents a resistance to a theory which has become an instrument of domination. Bahro's critique of the social formation of socialism-as-it-is makes it possible, theoretically at least, to liberate historically and critically the categories of historical materialism from the prison of being a legitimization theory.

On the role of the collective worker

Under the present conditions in the countries where socialism exists, the concept of the proletariat has lost its meaning. The foundation of the identity of the proletariat is its fighting opposite the bourgeoisie. The traditional proletariat loses its identity as well as the bourgeoisie after the abolition of private ownership of the means of production. The formula 'capitalism without capitalists' is in fact only a metaphor for the evident fact that alienated labour still exists.

However the new social formations cannot be understood in terms of the categories of the past. Even in the capitalist West we realised in the '60s that a simple return to Marx only helps us to describe a changed situation in terms of old and abstract concepts which lead to sectarianism and the 'fetishism of the 40 blue volumes'. It is not only in the Federal Republic of Germany that debates within the protest movement changed with a changed social relationship between the intelligentsia and the working class. There was a rejection of the rigid view that 'production' was the main area in the collective struggle for individual emancipation.

'With the increasing socialisation of capital and productive labour and the scientific production of technology, the industrial proletariat must be seen to include people on the edges of the work process. The proletariat as traditionally defined represents less than ever the totality of productive labour. Even if you make an extreme distinction between mental and manual labour, mental labour can no longer be treated as an idealistically elevated mirror image of abstract work. It cannot be seen as a bourgeois appropriation of culture or a petty-bourgeois way of organising the scientific process. Mental labour represents a significant part, in an organised and collective way, of proletarian class consciousness and the organisation of the political class.' (Krahl, 1969, *Constitution and Class Struggle*)

Relating to this restructuring of the collective worker in late capitalism, Bahro argues that 'their reality can no longer be described according to the traditional criteria of the class struggle. The new consequences of the social structure in the industrial societies of late capitalism always find a related equivalent in those countries where socialism exists which gives a better explanation than traditional class analysis of the state of the forces of production. Our descriptions are far more adequate because our social structure is precisely the subjective 'modus vivendi' of the modern forces of production. Our society represents the social structure of the socialised collective worker and is therefore in advance of present capitalism'. Bahro interprets the western student movements as expressing 'the potential interests of the whole of the working class.'

Emancipation: abolition of alienated work and the division of labour

The abolition of domination and exploitation cannot only be linked to the removal of private property. Furthermore, the concept of classes cannot be developed solely from the relation of private property to the means of production. Rather, they develop from the process of labour whose history is much older than that of private property and the abolition of which, even after the removal of private property, is the world historical duty of communism. Whereas in late capitalist countries there is a need to develop the dialectic between the traditional structure of production relations and the creation of the collective worker, in the countries where 'socialism' exists the contradiction between the productive collective worker and the hierarchical and dominating organisation of the way of working and living becomes of direct importance.

Bahro reminds us of three historical hangovers from older forms of capitalism domination which we do not get rid of through the abolition of private property. They are the exploitation and oppression of women in the patriarchal family structure, that is domination by men. There is also the domination of the town over the country and the exploitation and oppression of manual workers by brain workers. In this way Bahro reaches theoretically the kernel of emancipation which traditional Marxism pushed out of the labour movement by concentrating on the relation between labour and capital. The traditional labour movement has imposed a difficult heritage with a purely tactical relationship to other social forces, a mechan-

istic pattern of allegiances with other political organisations, the integration of women into the goals of the Party and Trade Union politics, and the domination of the working class by intellectuals or intellectualising labour movement leaders. In late capitalism, these conflicts have given rise to new emancipatory movements outside the classical labour movements. This makes absurd even the idea of a revolution by the oppressed working class in the old sense. With this background Bahro develops the new dimension of social change which for over ten years we have been following in the West: 'a union of all real socialists which articulates itself as a qualitatively different subject than the working class'.

For the societies where 'socialism' exists Bahro formulates a programme for a cultural revolution (not only in the narrow sense of the Chinese one). He develops this out of the contradiction between the official explanation of the subjective forces of production and the tight apparatus of control through the state and party. 'The emancipatory interests have to be organised into the subject of the coming transformations. Empirically speaking this subject consists of the energetic and creative elements in all strata of society, that is all those people where the desire for emancipation is dominant or at least plays a significant part'.

Bahro's Leninism

The only traditional thing in Bahro's arguments are his ideas on organisation, he only knows the party. This conception has to be in conflict with his theoretical starting points. The realisation that emancipation is the most important thing leads to a fear in the old cadres that these interests could get out of control. A correction of focus is inevitable in the Democratic Republic of Germany, for their only large-scale formative experience was the struggle which established their state. In dealing with the Polish revolts of the '70s, Bahro lays too much stress on their lack of results, without seeing that for a new historical force rebellions are necessary to build experience. On the other hand, in his analysis of the emancipation of individuals he stresses the oppression of women, but at the same time he cannot resist criticising unorganised 'hopeless and uptight ideological rebellion'. In making this criticism I am not attacking Bahro personally, though this is a blockage he shares with people in the West. In a society where all non-conformist movements are nipped in the bud, revolutionary theoreticians are condemned to work in confinement. This leads to the division of revolutionary theory from everyday life and makes it seem impossible for theory to be applied. The consequence of this is for judgements to become increasingly abstract.

Bahro's basically Leninist conception of organisation has political significance in the conditions of the Democratic Republic of Germany. It is an attempt to regain a connection with a truly revolutionary movement, that is one which actually makes a fundamental change in society. The fact is that everything has remained essentially the same and that desires for emancipation are repeatedly pushed aside into the airy regions of art and literature. Bahro's suggestion of an emancipatory 'union of communists' for the Democratic Republic of Germany tries to regain contact with the revolutionary tradition. The only legitimation and *raison d'être* of the Democratic Republic of Germany is its anti-fascist integrity. It was not the achievement of a revolutionary struggle, but of an international anti-fascist war, the main burden of which was carried by the Soviet Union. The only independent social revolution took place in Yugoslavia — even the name of Bahro's organisation reminds us of this. But these events are just as much a part of history as the October revolution, whose emancipatory claims have since died out. Bahro's point is not to condemn the Soviet

Union, but to understand that the October revolution was the start of the revolutions of Asia, Africa and Latin America, places where more history has been made in this century than by Europeans.

The content of the experience of the October revolution

I do not want to go into the details of a critique of the Soviet Union, much less into a critique of 'socialism-as-it-exists' as a social formation. Politically the central consequence of Bahro's critique is for Western left critics of the Soviet Union. The overwhelming majority of them only see isolated aspects (theories of deformation) or they refer everything back to social and cultural history (such as the Asiatic mode of production). Whereas Bahro argues that the abolition of private property in Russia was the transition from an agrarian to an industrial despotism. In this sense the October revolution was an inspiration for the anticolonial revolutions to take their destiny militarily, economically and politically into their own hands. Russia's Asiatic and colonial history, the tradition of oppressing foreign peoples, and the post-revolutionary isolation have not only determined the particularly despotic character of the Soviet Union, but even today are still being mystified as a 'Stalinist phenomenon'. With his critique Bahro brings us out of the nightmare, which we have suffered for generations, that the claims of the Russian revolutionaries have something in common with the reality of the Soviet Union. From an eastern perspective Bahro makes clear that emancipation is not only to break with past models and prototypes, but also to have trust in one's own strength. Large sections of the new left paid homage to traditionalism when they exchanged the Soviet model for the Chinese one. When we speak of socialism in no country, what we mean is that the social revolutions since the October revolution have begun to create the preconditions for global socialism through the most painful and bloody deviations, but under no circumstances are they the model for the reality of a future society. 'We no more need models than the masses need leaders!' (Franz Fanon, *The Wretched of the Earth*). We need the removal of the division of labour between men and women, between town and country, and between mental and manual workers in the first, second and third worlds. In this dispassionate sense Rudolf Bahro's communist critique of socialism-as-it-exists puts in front of us the world historical alternative: social emancipation of individuals or a return to barbarism.

Detlev Claussen

Rudolph Bahro's book The Alternative: a Critique of Socialism as it exists, was first published in Frankfurt last year. Bahro is an economist living in East Germany. He was arrested after the book's publication and has been sentenced to eight years imprisonment. This review first appeared in Links No 95 in January '78. Links, Hohe-Strasse 28, 6050 Offenbach 4, West Germany. Translated by Charles Landry.

To be published in October by New Left Books. Details on page p.50

To be published in Sweden by Röda Rummet and in the USA by Quadrangle Books.

In support of Rudolph Bahro, Socialist Challenge has initiated an 'Open Letter to Honecker' which will be presented to the East German Embassy. All protests should be sent to the Embassy of the German Democratic Republic, 34 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QB. Copies to the Defence Committee c/o Gunter Minnerup, 14 Folkestone Road, Copnor, Portsmouth, Hants.

the politics of Sexuality

The Politics of Sexuality in Capitalism is to be published jointly by the authors and PDC in September this year. The book originally appeared as two pamphlets in 1973/74 as a contribution to the ongoing discussion on sexual politics in the Womens' Liberation Movement. The pamphlets addressed themselves to some of the issues being discussed in the women's movement at that time: the need to see the personal as political; the problem of changing relationships in practice; the links between the nature of sexuality and other features of present day capitalist society; the question of how to theorise personal relationships from a materialist standpoint; and whether or not Freudianism and psychoanalysis contribute to a socialist-feminist understanding of the family.

The book is a straight reprint of the pamphlets. PDC has not edited the material in any way. It has merely put up the money and used its resources to have the original two pamphlets typeset and printed in book form, for the following reasons: pamphlet one was out of print, and number two was disappearing rapidly off the shelves of radical bookshops; PDC is primarily a distributor of radical, feminist, socialist and alternative literature, and as such is in the position to collect a great deal of information on what is, or is not, available in written form in the general area of left politics; one basic criterion for selecting literature for PDC to distribute is whether or not it contributes to *debate* within the left and within feminism; we considered the pamphlets to be an important contribution to the development of an analysis of sexual politics and that their disappearance would be detrimental to that debate. We discussed this with the authors and they agreed to a joint publishing venture.

We are reprinting *Papers on Patriarchy* for similar reasons (see p.4).

There is another reason: for PDC to survive economically and to continue to distribute radical literature, across a larger territory and to a wider readership, we need to increase our turnover if we are not to rely on funding, loans or sweated labour. We need more books, pamphlets and periodicals to distribute. Obviously by creating our own 'turnover' we are looking after our own interests.

There is another reason too: we think 'publishing' is a highly over-rated mystified status occupation which needs bringing down to the basic functions it covers, of putting up money and taking risks with it. We do not intend that PDC should become a 'publishing house', but we will keep written material available where we can help to fill gaps.

The Politics of Sexuality is a difficult book to read. The authors have had to invent new ways of putting words together to find a way of describing ideas that are difficult to express. The book was written collectively by a group of five (women and men) writing of their own experiences, and theorizing around their personal relationships in an attempt to clarify how individual sexuality is formed as one instance of the general character of social-emotional relations. The book reflects the class position and



George Grosz 'God's Visible Blessing rests upon me' 1921

experience of the writers, as young, childless, heterosexual, middle-class intellectuals, not bound to others by material or family ties. The issues discussed do not relate to working class experience, which would raise very different questions and practical problems. The analysis cannot be generally applied to all classes but the original pamphlets marked a definite step forward in beginning the task of subjecting personal and sexual relationships to materialist analysis.

The following is an example of some of the ideas hammered out in the book.

"A politics of sexuality is a hard thing to begin, because we are within the feelings we want to change; we are also within the ideology surrounding our feelings. It is only by trying to change the relationships within which we feel that we can gradually come to understand the relationships and feelings we are in *now* and have any concrete knowledge of a politics of the family."

The necessity for a *sexual* politics, as a specific part of a politics of the family, is clear; the family is reproduced through the medium of feelings as well as through patterns of consumption; but the way this is *consciously* experienced by people is through their apparently autonomous feelings. The feelings seem unrelated to any social basis, because of the particular way capitalism dissociates the family and all other personal relations from other aspects of society.

Every form of social relations generates a specific type of feeling. The system of social relations within which these feelings occur is not at all transparent. That is why it is difficult to think about sexuality and love. They seem to be irreducible; their concrete relationship with other things is not apparent. The way we feel towards each other is *specific* and determinate. It is hard though not to think that everyone in all ages must have felt these 'human' feelings we feel; not to think that sex is a biologically given instinct which provides basically the same kind of experience but is only more or less suppressed in different societies.

Yet a feeling, just like an idea, can only be felt if the social relations which contain it make it a possible feeling. It is not just the ideology of the age which is produced within the mode of production; the type of feeling is specific and bounded too. It is not just bourgeois morality and conventions that sustain bourgeois sexual practice; it is the very structure of our most intimate and powerful perceptions, emotions and ways of acting.

So, one of our problems in creating a sexual politics is that perceptions and feelings we have feel natural, human, even eternal, as all capitalist relations do. This makes it hard even to *describe* carefully the quality and contradictions experienced in our present and past lives. Yet this is what we have to begin to do if we are to work towards a concrete practice in the sexual struggle, if we are to have even the glimmerings of an idea of a concrete practice which is *socialised* and *not private*."

Liz Cooper

Liz Cooper works for PDC.

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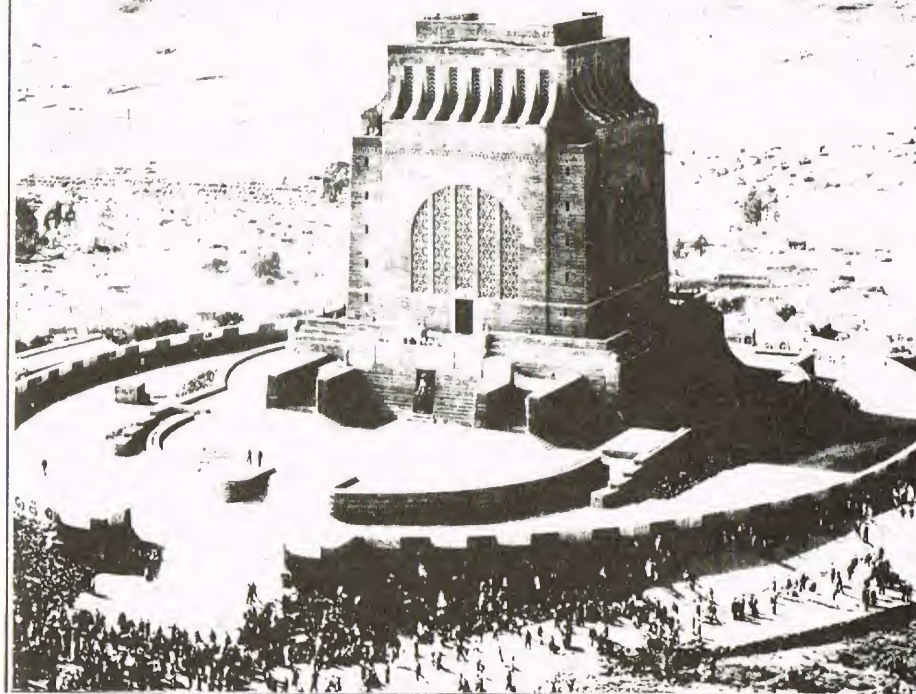
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New Edinburgh Review

A quarterly magazine with regular articles on current social, cultural and political affairs. There are reviews and articles on topics as diverse as art and environment, and book reviews, poetry and fiction.

Conor Cruise O'Brien, Tom Nairn, Neal Ascherson, E.J. Hobsbawn, Owley Dudley Edwards are some of the contributors to date.

40pp A4 45p
August, November, February
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Students Publications Board
Distributor: EUSPB

Meanwhile Gardens

Jamie McCullough

One day in 1976 a young sculptor,

Jamie McCullough, was crossing a bridge over the Grand Union Canal in Paddington. Looking down he saw a long, narrow strip of wasteland. In his mind's eye he began to reshape it . . . for the dream to come to life, it needed to become the local people's creation, to build, develop, maintain and manage.

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The Politics of Positive Discrimination John Edwards and Richard Batley

This book provides an essential contribution to the current debate concerning the glaring problems of the inner city, and how they should be met. The authors give a close, and at times 'blow by blow' account of how and why Britain's first area discrimination programme, the Urban Programme, came about. Drawing upon their unique experience of research carried out within a government department, they show how the Programme developed under the influences of both the changing conceptions of urban deprivation and the structural constraints within central and local government.

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**From Immigration Control to
'Induced Repatriation'**
A. Sivanandan

The pamphlet argues that since Britain no longer needs the workers it

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was once desperate for it would like to lay them off — preferably to their country of origin and that all immigration acts from 1952-71 have pointed to this end.

The Select Committee reflects that philosophy tempered with reason: "If you are here, be like us, if you cannot, go home". In the hands of the Tories, however, the new philosophy emerges full fledged and stark: people of an alien culture are threatening to 'swamp' Britain, the British way of life is in danger, the majority's fears must be allayed.

"The most devastating consequences of all this Tory activity," writes Sivandan, "has been the terror unleashed on the black communities. Down in the ghetto — far removed from Thatcher country — the majority, whose fears the Tory lady (*sic*) wished to allay, have literally taken the law into their own hands and begun to terrorise the black population."

12pp A5 Pamphlet 20p
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The Review of Security and the State Vol 1 State Research

A hardback of the first seven issues of State Research Bulletin, published between October '77 and September '78. Each issue contains news, reviews and a background paper. The book has an index and an introduction by E.P. Thompson. The background papers have investigated The Institute for the Study of Conflict, The Special Branch, The Official Secrets Act, and the Economic League. *State Research* picks up news items from a wide range of sources (see p.). Issue 5 quotes a *Daily Mail* story of a meeting at the House of Commons between John Davies, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, and representatives of the CIA backed FNLA, fighting against the government in Angola. Also present at the meeting were Julian

Amery, the gentleman Tory MP, and John Banks, the gentleman British mercenary.

State Research Bulletin

24pp A5 35p, sub £3.00

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The Review of Security and the State
146pp A5 Hardback £10.00

Publisher: Julian Friedmann

A Knife at the Throat of Us All

Dave Cook

A detailed examination of the policies and activities of racist and fascist organisations in Britain, in particular of the National Front. Explains the distinction between racism and fascism and argues the need to combine the fight against the National Front with a continuous and many-sided effort to combat racism in all its forms, and achieve racial equality in practice. On this basis it discusses the building of a broad anti-racist movement and the tactics to be adopted, as well as the positive case for a multi-racial, multi-cultural society.

32pp A5 Pamphlet 30p
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Publisher: Communist Party of Great Britain

Distributor: Central Books

Building with Direct Labour

Faced with a concerted attack on direct labour by private contractors and the Conservative Party, this pamphlet provides detailed statistics and informed propaganda to help those fighting to preserve jobs and living conditions for local authority tenants and employees.

120pp A4 Pamphlet £1.20

Publisher: CSE Political Economy of Housing Workshop

Distributor: PDC

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The British Road to Socialism

Programme of the Communist Party of Great Britain

This new edition of the Communist Party's programme for socialism in Britain was the subject of Granada Television's three-part *Decision* series on "British Communism" in July and August. It was adopted at the party's congress in November 1977 following on nine months discussion. While inheriting the key principles of previous editions it contains, in response to political developments over the last decade, some important new features. Notable among them are the concept of the broad democratic alliance and the party's view of the revolutionary process.

64pp A5 pamphlet 30p

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Articles include 'Ireland: Imperialism in Crisis 1968-78' by Terry Marlowe & Stephen Palmer. This shows how British imperialism's role is necessary to repress the struggle for self-determination, and that the only way forward for the Irish people is the defeat of British rule. Also published for the first time in English, 'Imperialist War and the Question of Peace — the Peace Politics of the Bolsheviks before the 1917 Revolution' by Roman Rosdolsky; a reply to Gerry Laversha's attack on the RCG in *Marxism Today* and a review of *Capitalism in Crisis* by Walton and Gamble.

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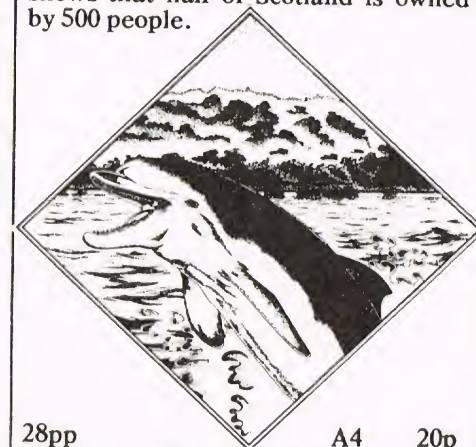
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News Release is a quarterly magazine covering developments in the law and drug use in the United Kingdom. Both feature and news sections are mainly written by members of the Release organisation which helps and advises people in trouble with the law.

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North Shields: Women's Work North Tyneside CDP

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This report looks at two themes which have had particular importance for the work of the Project, the history of the Labour Movement locally and the course of housing development. The



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North Tyneside CDP

This report, the companion to Volume 3, looks in detail at the housing work of North Tyneside CDP, with groups in seven different parts of the project area, ranging from 19th century industrial villages to inter-war council estates. Whether council or private housing, the issues were similar even if the action taken to deal with them varied. Modernisation and repairs, slum clearance and improvement, along with a host of other 'smaller' issues were the concerns of the groups described in this report.

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Dorothy Newman, Nancy Amidei, Barbara Carter, Dawn Day, William Kruvant, Jack Russell

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AchillesHeel is a new magazine of men's politics. The first issue includes articles on 'Sexism and Male Sexuality' and 'Masculinity and Fascism'. The second issue will be published this autumn. 50p an issue. Distributed by PDC. 7 St Mark's Rise, London E8 2NJ.

Healthright is a women's health education and consumer advocacy organisation. They research and publish pamphlets on women's health concerns and publish a quarterly newsletter *Healthright* (annual subscription \$5). They also conduct courses and are available for speaking engagements. 175 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10010.

Troops Out is the paper of the United Troops Out Movement. Each issue contains news and analysis from Ireland and the UK. The August/September issue includes a review of 'two four-page hunks' recently published by the *Sunday Times*. The July issue included this apology from *Republican News*. 'We apologise to our readers for having only an 8 page paper again this week. But last Thursday night in a joint RUC-British army swoop on one of our dumps (!) four pages of this week's edition were seized. Many people are unaware of how *Republican News* is produced. Since the major raids against this paper and the arresting and charging of our business manager, sub-editor and distributor, among others, we have been producing *Republican News* in the homes of sympathisers and supporters in the working class districts of Belfast. Our offices, 170 Falls Road, is under 24 hour surveillance from North Howard Street army post, and anyone entering or leaving is photographed. Over £5,000 worth of equipment (duplicators, typewriters, cameras, files etc) has been seized by the RUC without receipt. That is the gravity and degree of repression mounted against us.'

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'The Other Award' is an alternative children's book award inaugurated by the Children's Rights Workshop in 1975. For a poster promoting the 1978 award send a self-addressed envelope to The Children's Rights Workshop, 73 Balfour Street, London SE17.

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Just Books is a new libertarian bookshop at 7 Winetavern Street, Belfast. In the same building is an exhibition centre and library. Campaign Books stocks over 1,000 books and pamphlets from 60 diverse pressure groups, including Friends of the Earth, Inter-Action, the National

Council for Civil Liberties and the National Council of Social Service. The address is 9 Rupert Street, London W1, near Piccadilly Circus.

Building with Direct Labour (see p55) is written and published by the Direct Labour Collective of the Conference of Socialist Economists. It is unusual for academics to write for a non-academic audience. They are charging £1.75 in shops but 90p to trades unions, tenants organisations and trade councils. One little known fact they include is that Bovis, once associated with Sir Keith Joseph, set up a financial subsidiary which speculated in property during the 'Barber Boom'. The speculation went wrong and Bovis was taken over by P&O. Perhaps it was this experience which convinced Sir Keith of the need for sound money.

News from Neasden is now accepted as a bibliographic source by people with a wide range of political opinions. Our recent subscribers include the Central Office of the Conservative and Unionist Party.

After five years and 150 issues, People's News Service has changed from a duplicated to printed format. PNS works closely with UK community papers and exchanges with overseas alternative news services. Earlier this year PNS reported that a woman frying an egg over the eternal flame at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier was arrested by police and charged with desecration. PNS is published fortnightly and costs 25p. Subscription £2.50 for 10 issues, outside UK £3.10. Libraries £10 a year. 182 Upper Street, London N1.

Black Liberation Press will publish a book this winter on early Afro-American radical and Marxist thought, *To Be Black and Red*. Next Spring they will publish *The Black Family, Black Women, and Changing Society*. Box 955, Harlem, NY 10027, USA.

African Perspectives is the journal of the Afrika-Studiecentrum in the Netherlands. Articles are in French and English. Subjects covered include African literature and the situation in South Africa and Zimbabwe. Single copies Dfl 13, Subscription (two issues) Dfl 25. Afrika-Studiecentrum, Stationsplein 10, Leiden, Netherlands. Distributed by Bas Moreel.

Roda Rummet will publish the Swedish-language edition of Rudolph Bahro's *The Alternative* (see p37). They also publish *Is the Soviet Union Capitalist* by Klas Eklund and Per Reichard and a book on the Lucas shop stewards' struggle for meaningful production, written by Leif Dahlgren and Wawa Sjödin. Both books would interest English speaking people but there is no translation arranged at present. Bogforlaget Röda Rummet, Box 490 71, 100 28 Stockholm.

The Socialist Book Fair (see back cover) will include most UK publishers of radical books and other English language publishers represented in the UK. There will also be books from European publishers. Critiques Livres will be bringing books from Editions Sociales, François Maspero, 10:18, Christian Borgeois, l'Harmattan, Féderop, Contradictions, Anthropos and Dialectiques. Critique Livres publish *Marxist Readings*, a bibliography of 4,000 titles in English, German and Italian. It is distributed in the UK by the Journeyman Press. Critiques Livres can supply English-language, German, Italian and French books to bookshops and individuals. 173 Avenue de la Dhuys, 93170 Bagnolet, France.

Two titles in Allison and Busby's Motive series have been reprinted and are available through PDC. They are *Ideology and Superstructure in Historical Materialism* by Franz Jakubowski and *The Survival of Capitalism* by Henri Lefebvre. Two recent titles are now available in the USA

through South West Book Services (address p.66). They are *Homosexual Desire* by Guy Hocquenghem and *In the Rapids of Revolution* by John Maclean (details in NfN9).

The Matriarchy Study Group has a collection of slides showing goddess symbols, and ideas associated with matriarchal values. If any women's group would like a showing, please get in touch with MSG at Flat 6, 15 Guildford Street, London WC1. Women only.

British Soldiers Speak Out on Ireland is a well-produced A4, 30p pamphlet which includes articles by former soldiers, a Republican prisoner of war in Long Kesh and a history of the British army's operations since 1944. There is also a quote from Frank Kitson's book *Low Intensity Operations*: "When the Regular Army was first raised in the 17th century, 'Suppression of the Irish' was coupled with the 'Defence of the Protestant Religion' as one of the two main reasons for its existence." Distributed by PDC. Published by Information on Ireland, 1 North End Road, London W14. Information on Ireland also distribute *Home Soldier Home*, a black and white 40 minute 16mm film which includes interviews with ex-soldiers and film of the army in action in Ireland and in other colonial wars. £10-£15 a showing plus £3.50 postage.

Three new titles from Pathfinder Press will be published in November. They are *Leon Trotsky on Black Nationalism and Self Determination*, *Dynamics of the Cuban Revolution* by Joseph Hansen, and *Out Now! A participant's account of the American movement against the Vietnam War* by Fred Halstead.

Accumulation on a World Scale is published in the UK by Harvester Press, not Monthly Review as shown in our last issue (see p.1).

The Irish Civil War 1922-23 gives essential background material for an understanding of the present situation in Ireland. Written by Frances Mary Blake who has also edited the second volume of Ernie O'Malley's memoirs *The Singing Flame*. *The Irish Civil War* (30p + 15p p&p) is published by the West London United Troops Out Movement, Box 37, 182 Upper Street, London N1. *The Singing Flame* is published by Anvil, Tralee, County Kerry, Eire.

NACLA's *Report on the Americas* has increased its subscription to \$11 a year for individuals, \$19 for institutions. Rates for airmail outside USA on request. Each issue contains one or more major feature articles and an 'update' section of recent news. NACLA, 464 19th Street, Oakland CA 94612, USA.

Intervention No 2 includes an article by Jim Masters on 'Revolutionary Politics as a hobby' which deals with the ways in which revolutionary politics are affected by the Left's present existence as a sub-culture within capitalist society. 50p. 539 Battersea Park Road, London SW11.

The November issue of NfN is a special on women and publishing, with articles by women who write, edit, produce, print, publish, distribute and sell feminist books in various circumstances, from commercial to feminist collective. We want a solid representation of women's work to complement the articles, so please get your advertising copy in by October 31. See inside front cover for rates. Graphics by women to intersperse with the text especially welcome.



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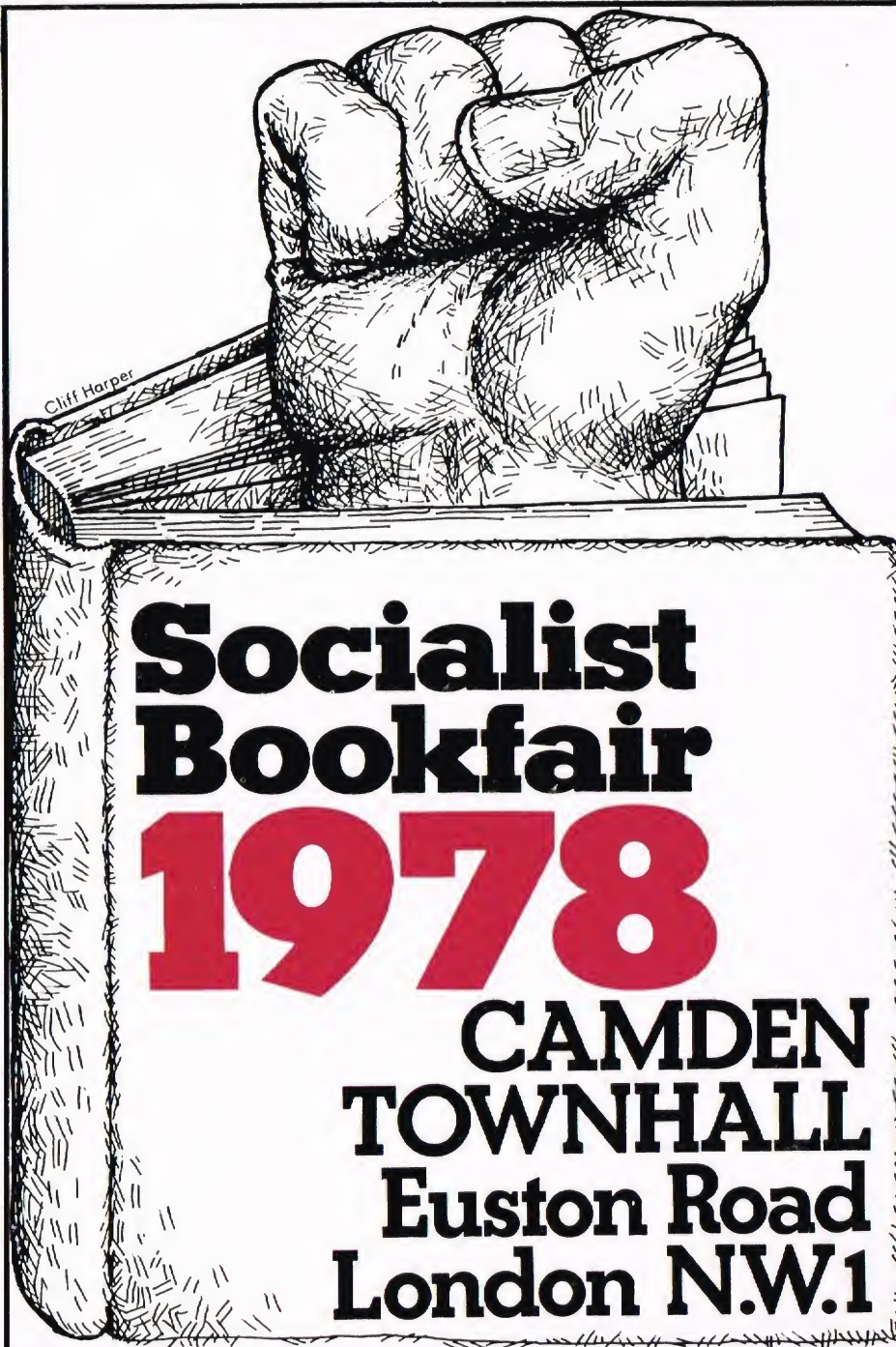
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